

God is love and love lives here!



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The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

Mary Frances Logue brought a book to me a few weeks ago before our vacation. She only asked that I read it and consider it a gift. When we returned, I went into their Sunday School class, head down, to let her know I had not read anything the entire time I was on vacation. However, I started reading the book the next week and really enjoyed the stories and information from Kathie Lee Gifford’s book The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi. Throughout the book, Kathie shares her experiences of going to Israel and walking through the steps of Jesus and his disciples. Along with her is a Rabbi named Jason Sobel who brings Biblical stories to life by sharing history or his own perspectives that we may neglect in Biblical interpretation. I've found the book to be a joy to read and thought I would share key thoughts with you over the next couple of weeks that I hope encourage you in your faith.

Chapter 6

Chapter 6 discusses Kathie's trip to Bethlehem, the place where Christ was born. Out of everywhere they will visit this is the one I find most interesting. When we read the story of Jesus' birth we have a tendency to take for granted some of the nuances of what is actually taking place. There are so many things at play, from the significance of shepherds to some of the rituals that would have taken place under Jewish custom by Mary and Joseph. One aspect that jumped out was that of the swaddling cloth and one that I had not considered. Kathie writes:

"The Shepherds were responsible for making sure that the new-born lambs did not contract defects, for only animals without spot or blemish could be used as a sacrifice in the temple. Baby lambs are very clumsy when they are born, so many scholars believe that these shepherds would swaddle their newborn lambs in order to prevent these future sacrificial lambs from becoming blemished by injuring themselves on jagged parts of the cave".

The swaddling was part of understanding the nature of a babe being born for a sacrificial purpose in humanity. Bethlehem became more than a place; it was the beginning of God's good work to cover humanity so that we ourselves can be redeemed through Jesus. God in his mercy, covers us and protects us but does not ask for a sacrifice; that Jesus has already paid. Today, I pray for you and want you to know you are swaddled in God's grace and mercy. There is more than enough!

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

Matthew 16:21-23
“Simon to Peter:
Hard Lessons”



New Concerns

Marcy Hiott
Dawn Wilkins
Cinderella Sampson

Continue Prayers for:

Gloria Nelson
Terry Barfield
Paula Cunningham

Phil & Betty Bailey
Dianne Harrington
Mac McCullough
Kathy Blanchard
Tom Gamble
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

08-11-24

Operating Budget..... \$10,665.17
A/C Replacement..... 700.00
Total..... \$11,365.17

Worship Attendance

126

Sunday School

49



- ✓ 09-02-24 Office Closed
- ✓ 09-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-09-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5th Sunday Lunch 11:30a- **cancelled**

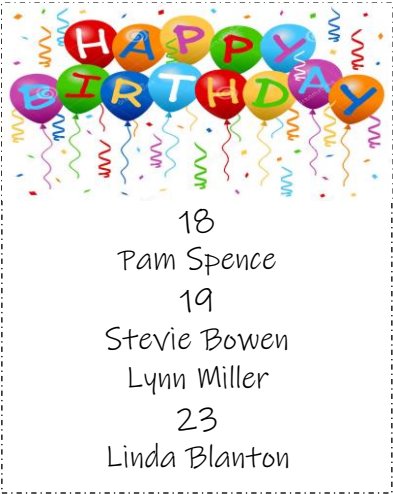
Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ◆ In memory of Dan Mendenhall, Doug Deal, Tyrone Mitchell by Margaret Henley
- ◆ In honor of Linda Blanton and Amber Gamble’s birthdays by Debbie Gray



Community Missions

- Food Pantry totals for July—Families served- 282; People served- 979; weight of food distributed- 10,779 lbs... the hands and feet of Jesus!
- The Food Pantry is open August 28, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Clothes Closet is open August 28, the Clothes Closet will follow the same schedule as the Food Pantry. We will open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for shoppers and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for processing donations. Our new hours will be 8:45am until 1:15pm.
- Due to air conditioning problems in the church, services will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall until the system is fixed. As of today, that date is undetermined; therefore, our Yard Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 31st-Saturday, February 1, 2025. We are currently using the Yak Shack for donated items for the sale. We will continue to collect small miscellaneous household goods for the sale. We will not have a Souper Saturday in 2025.
- August 28: 845a-11a- Vicky Moore, Elaine Hubbard, Nancy Brechin
August 28: 11a-115p- Marilyn Outz, Barbara Hilliard, Joyce Wyatt



Youth News

Sundays- 9:15a-9:30a- breakfast and socialize; 9:30-10:15a- Sunday School lesson

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of August 18 th :	
Sunday.....	Acts 3
Monday.....	Acts 4
Tuesday.....	Acts 5
Wednesday.....	Acts 6
Thursday.....	Acts 7
Friday.....	Acts 8
Saturday.....	Acts 9

Young at Heart

Young at Heart lunch and Bingo scheduled for August 23 has been cancelled. We will see you next month in September!

Quilters Ministry

Friends at the Well – for the 3rd year, the quilters will staff a booth at the Georgia National Fair where we are able to sell raffle tickets for our Outreach Quilt. We need to have someone on each shift demonstrating something about quilting, but our small group of quilters will be spread thin. So, I’m asking for volunteers to join us as support staff to sell raffle tickets and talk about our church. It’s a great opportunity to meet people and have the name of our wonderful church in front of the public. Please contact me if you can work October 8, 9 or 10 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) from 9am to 1:30pm, 1:30pm to 5:30pm, or 5:30 to 9pm. Each day you work you will be given a ticket to get into the fair for free, and parking passes for the Miller Murphy Howard parking lot will be available. Please call me at 478-335-6677 or just talk to me at the church. In His Service, Jan Morales-Hill

Family Promise

If you are interested in volunteering during our rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn for more information, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>



Singers & Ringers Needed! Our **Handbell Choir** and **Adult Choir** will begin practicing again at the end of July on the 31st. These groups are open to all.

Our **Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday’s at 6:30. We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata “Love is Born” beginning this August. Our Adult Choir sings each Sunday for the Call to Worship and leads the traditional worship hymns.

Our **Handbell Choir** practices on Wednesday at 7:30. The ability to read music is helpful. Handbell playing opportunities may include worship during Christmas and Easter, Christmas Festivals, & 5th Sunday Luncheons, & community playing opportunities.

Men at the Well

The Men meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. All men are welcome and are encouraged to attend any meeting. The men also meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30am at Steak n Shake for Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome.

Women at the Well

Ladies, circle meetings are coming up... so, don’t forget to attend. If you have never been to a meeting, you are welcome to attend any of the circles. We’d be so happy to have you visit! Miss Terry’s Circle meets the first Monday at 6:30p and the Friendship Circle meets the third Wednesday at 11:30a.

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- August 18

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Don & Joyce Hall
Sherry Armour, Vicky Moore

Prayer Teams

Don & Sharron Schall
Jim & Linda Blanton

Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- August 18
Nursery- Joy Fleming, Laura McKenzie
Children- Nancy Hudson
Sunday- August 25
Nursery- Lynn Miller, Cinderella Sampson
Children- Brenda Crow

Monday- August 19

10:00a Quilters
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- August 20

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
11:30a Life Group IV "J Walkers"

Wednesday- August 21

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"
5:15p Handbells
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- August 22

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- August 23

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- August 24

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

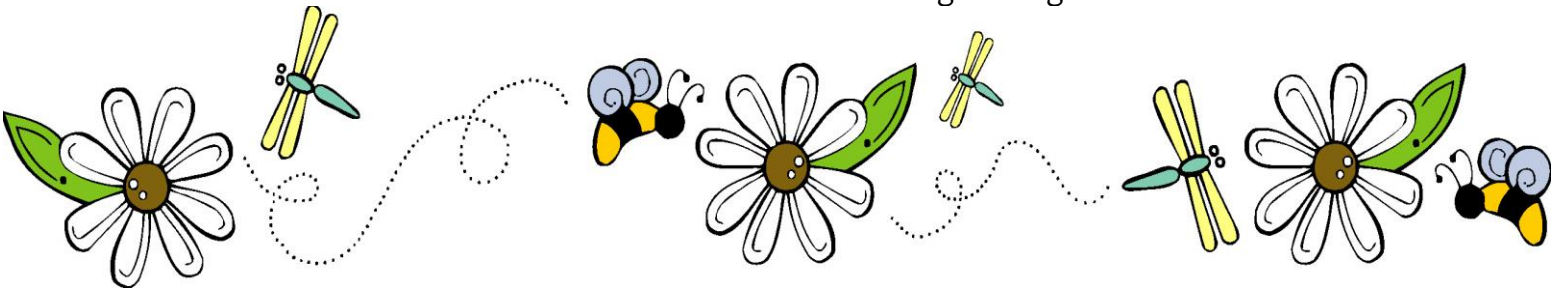
Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth

Studies

Malachi
Mark
Be Alert
1 John, 2 John, 3 John
God Guides Us Through Changes

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson



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For your Labor Day

Men at the Well

\$40

Pick up Saturday, August 31

between 8a-1p at the Bus Barn

